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To whom it may concern:

I write this as a computer professional who makes a living by consulting in the computing field.

I find it hard to believe that after Microsoft was found guilty of monopolistic practices that the settlement proposed by the DOJ would simply let them off the hook with NOT even a slap on the wrist. The settlement only serves to entrench the status quo, basically allowing MS to continue their current practices while paying lip service to the consumers.

As an avid computer user, and someone who makes his living from providing computer consulting and services to my clients I can see first hand how boxed in we as a nation are by the continuation of the monopoly that is Microsoft. The citizens of this nation deserve better.

Some alternative possible remedies:

Spin off the development tools section of MS, so that the tools and the OS cannot be tightly integrated. This would allow for other software product developers to have a fairer shake at competing with MS.

Force full disclosure of the windows API, both win32 and the native API.

Force full disclosure of the various document formats used in Word, Excel, Access, etc. Require that any changes are published in advance.

Without a settlement with some teeth in it we are worse off then we were before the trial started. As you can tell I am very much opposed to the settlement, if you can call it that, in its current form.

Thank you for your time.

~Sean

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